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SUBJ: ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

REF: CSAF TELEGRAM 1587, 3/13/75 PORT OF SPAIN'S 592, 3/13/75

1. GOTT AUTHORITIES CONFIRM THAT THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES BE BEARERS OF PASSPORTS AT TIME OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO RELATES TO MEMBERS OF THE US ARMED FORCES COMING TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS IN CONNECTION WITH OUR 1961 LEASED AREAS AGREEMENT. PERTINENT PORTIONS OF ARTICLE XIII OF THAT AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

A. THE IMMIGRATION LAWS OF THE TERRITORY SHALL NOT OPERATE OR APPLY SO AS TO PREVENT ADMISSION INTO THE TERRITORY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT, IF ANY MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES POSTED TO A LEASED AREA OR ANY PERSON (NOT BEING A NATIONAL OF A POWER AT WAR WITH HIS MAJESTY THE KING, EMPLOYED BY, OR UNDER A CONTRACT WITH, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, OPERATION OR DEFENCE OF THE BASES IN THE TERRITORY; BUT SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE THE UNITED STATES TO ENABLE SUCH PERSONS TO BE READILY IDENTIFIED AND THEIR STATUS TO BE

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B. IF THE STATUS OF ANY PERSON WITHIN THE TERRITORY AND ADMITTED THERETO UNDER THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE ALTERED SO THAT HE WOULD NO LONGER BE ENTITLED TO SUCH ADMISSION, THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES SHALL NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TERRITORY AND SHALL, IF SUCH PERSON BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE TERRITORY BY THAT GOVERNMENT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING HIM WITH A PASSAGE FROM THE TERRITORY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, AND SHALL IN THE MEANTIME PREVENT HIS BECOMING A PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TERRITORY. UNQUOTE.

2. COPIES OF EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GOTT BEING FORWARDED IN SEPARATE OM. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH APPROPRIATE US MILITARY CHANNELS, SINCE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US MILITARY PERSONNEL TRAVELING TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ON LEAVE OR ON BUSINESS UNRELATED TO OUR LEASED AREAS AGREEMENT TO BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A VALID US PASSPORT IN THEIR POSSESSION.

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